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SUBJ: APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF OTC

REF: A) USUN 5258; B) USUN 4089; C) STATE 202099

1. DURING USYG DAVIDSON/STOTTELEYER LUNCHEON JAN. 16 LATTER QUERIED DAVIDSON RE REPORTS THAT USYG DJERMAKOYE HAD SUCCESSFULLY PRESSED CANDIDATURE OF ROBER J. CROOKS, (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO) DIR. HOUSING, BUILDING PLANNING IN ESA, TO REPLACE STIG ANDERSON AS DIRECTOR OF OTC.

DAVIDSON RESPONDED THAT SYG PERSONALLY HAD ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCCESSOR TO ANDERSON AND THAT CROOKS SOON WOULD BE NAMED NEW OTC DIRECTOR. DAVIDSON EMPHASIZED THAT HE HAD ATTEMPTED, WITH WALDHEIM AND PETERSON'S APPROVAL, TO GET BILL GOODKIND (US) TO TAKE POST, BUT LATTER HAD DECLINED FOR "PERSONAL REASONS."

2. MISOFF EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERN TO DAVIDSON WHEN OFFICIALLY TOLD OF THIS ACTION, POINTING

OUT HIS CLEAR UNDERSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS DAVIDSON HAD WITH ASST. SECTY. POPPER, MOREY, AND STOTTELEYER, THAT SHOULD

GOODKIND NOT ACCEPT POST, TWO USG CANDIDATES (VANDYKE AND DAVIS) FORMALLY SUBMITTED SOME TIME AGO WOULD BE CONSIDERED AND, IF NEITHER WAS ACCEPTABLE, DAVIDSON WOULD INFORM USUN

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IN ORDER THAT WE COULD PUT FORWARD OTHER CANDIDATES. MISOFF

SAID CROOKS' APPOINTMENT LIKELY TO CAUSE MUCH CONSTERNATION  
WITHIN USG, AND IT POSSIBLE THAT WE WOULD WANT TO MAKE  
DEMARCHE TO SYG. FYI: AMB. SCALI TOLD WALDHEIM ON OCT.2.  
1973 THAT AN AMERICAN SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO OTC POST AND  
URGED SYG TO DO SO QUICKLY. END FYI. DAVIDSON ADDED THAT  
ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM SYG HE PERSONALLY HAD CLEARED CROOKS'  
PENDING APPOINTMENT WITH RUDY PETERSON OF UNDP.

3. WHEN DAVIDSON WAS PRESSED BY MISOFF AS TO WHY, IN  
LINE WITH EARLIER UNDERSTANDINGS, HE DID NOT CONTACT  
USUN WHEN APPOINTMENT OF GOODKIND FELL THROUGH, AND BE-  
FORE ALL BUT FINALIZING CROOKS' APPOINTMENT, DAVIDSON  
SAID MATTER WAS HANDLED BY SYG, WHO FELT HE SHOULD  
EXERCISE HIS DISCRETION IN NAMING HIS TOP-LEVEL STAFF.  
DAVIDSON SAID HE WOULD CONVEY TO SYG REACTION OF MISOFF  
TO CROOKS' APPOINTMENT; IN TURN MISOFF SAID HE WOULD REPORT  
FOREGOING TO DEPT AND AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS. (FORMAL ANN-  
OUNCEMENT NOT YET ISSUED). COMMENT: GIVEN FACTS  
WE PRESSED FOR AMERICAN AS DIR. OF OTC, INCREASED IMPORTANCE  
OF POST DUE TO SHORTCOMINGS OF  
DJERMAKOYE, COMMISSIONER, AND SYG APPARENTLY RESPONDING  
TO PRESSURE OF OTHERS AT EXPENSE OF US. MISSION BELIEVES  
WE SHOULD MAKE EARLY DEMARCHE TO SYG TO EXPRESS OUR DIS-  
PLEASURE OVER TURN OF EVENTS.

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